

### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 7-14 are pending. Claims 1-6 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7 and 14 have been amended herein as discussed below.

In the Office Action dated March 30, 2006, Claims 7-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Feigen and claims 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Feigen in combination with Winiger. In the Advisory Action dated July 18, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the claims were not allowable because they failed to specify that the request had to be addressed to the first port of the server application.

Accordingly, Claim 7 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, ordering the network layer to reroute to the second port of the gateway machine any message sent and addressed to the first port of the server application, receiving at the second port of the gateway machine a request addressed to the first port of the server application to establish the first connection with the first port of the server application, listening to the second port of the gateway machine to detect the request addressed to the first port of the server application to establish the first connection with the first port of the server application, and, generating, in the gateway machine, a thread for establishing the first connection when the request to establish said first connection is detected in the second port of the gateway machine. Therefore, amended Claim 7 now recites that the request listened to at the second port is addressed to the first port of the server application, as discussed in the Advisory Action dated July 18, 2006.

These features are apparently not disclosed or suggested in the applied references as discussed in Applicants' previous Request for Reconsideration of June 26, 2006, entry

of which is acknowledged in the Advisory Action dated July 18, 2006. For example, Feigen teaches that the second request is actually addressed to the security service directly. (See, for example, step 76 in Fig. 4.) This is also clear from the data flow of Figure 3, which indicates that the second connection request is from the client application to the security service, as opposed to the application server. Thus, Feigen does not disclose or suggest, at a minimum, listening to the second port of the gateway machine to detect the request addressed to the first port of the server application to establish the first connection with the first port of the server application as recited in amended Claim 7.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 7 is patentably distinguishable from the Feigen reference.

Similarly, Claim 14 as amended now recites, *inter alia*, a secure application proxy that reroutes the messages addressed to the first port of the server application away from the first connection, in a way that is transparent for the client application, in order to establish a second connection having a second security level with the server application. Thus, as discussed above with respect to Claim 7, Claim 14 is also believed to be patentably distinguishable from the Feigen reference.

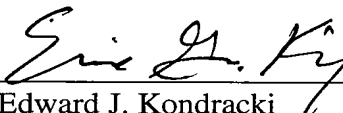
Winiger, for its part, fails to overcome these deficiencies. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn. A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-907461) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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